

Remarks

The paragraph beginning on line 24 of page 11 has been replaced. The only difference between the original and the replacement paragraph is that the word "micrograms" has been substituted for the word "milligrams" in two locations. The word "milligrams" represented a typographical error. This is established, for example, by the fact that the prior art loadings referred to are at densities of micrograms per square centimeter. See, for example, U.S. Patent No. 5,525,348, Examples 15 through 18, which present loadings ranging from 12 micrograms per square centimeter to 68 micrograms per square centimeter. Also, with respect to the invention, on page 5, lines 8-12 ranges of, for example, "at least 100 μg " and "at least 500 μg " are mentioned.

Claims 1-22 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 23-49 have been added. Entry of the present amendments is respectfully requested. The set of new claims 23-49 sought to be added was supported in the specification as initially filed. The present amendment is not narrowing; rather, the subject matter is claimed differently in new claims 23-49 than was claimed before.

Explicit support for the new claims in the original claims and specification is as set forth in the following table:

New claim(s)	Exemplary support from original claim or specification
23	Page 5, lines 3-6 and 8-12; Page 7, lines 12-25; Page 11, line 33 through Page 12, line 5; Page 18, Example 5
24	Page 5, lines 8-12; Page 11, line 33 through Page 12, line 5; Page 18, Example 5

New claim(s)	Exemplary support from original claim or specification
25	Page 7, lines 26-31; Page 15, Example 3
26, 27	Page 7, lines 16-20; Page 18, Example 5
28, 29	Page 7, lines 3-25
30	Page 12, lines 20-24
31	Page 17, Example 4
32	Page 12, lines 1-5; Page 14, lines 3-19
33	Page 14, lines 3-19
34	Page 14, lines 3-19; Page 17, Example 4
35	Page 12, lines 1-5, Page 14, lines 11-14 Page 20, Example 7; Page 19, Example 6
36, 37	Page 5, lines 26-32; Page 9, line 20 through Page 10, line 7; Page 10, line 33 through Page 11, line 23
38, 39	Page 11, lines 14-21
40, 41, 42	Page 10, line 33 through Page 11, line 23; Page 12, lines 14-27; Page 15, Example 3; Page 19, Example 6; Page 20, Example 7
43, 44	Page 5, lines 3-6 and 8-12; Page 7, lines 12-25; Page 11, line 33 through Page 12, line 5; Page 18, Example 5
45, 46	Page 5, lines 3-6 and 8-12; Page 6, lines 9-21; Page 7, lines 3-5 and lines 12-25; Page 11, line 33 through Page 12, line 5; Page 12, lines 20-24; Page 18, Example 5

New claim(s)	Exemplary support from original claim or specification
47, 48	Page 7, lines 3-5; Page 14, lines 3-19
49	Page 6, lines 19-21; Page 7, lines 3-5

Based on the present Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 9-10, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,525,348 to Whitbourne. Because claims 1-22 are sought to be cancelled, this rejection is rendered moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5, 9-10, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,525,348 to Whitbourne. Claims 1-22 also stand rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,525,348 to Whitbourne in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,306,176 to Whitbourne. Because claims 1-22 are sought to be cancelled, these rejections are rendered moot.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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A Notice of Allowance with claims 23-49 is respectfully requested.

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